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*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, plays, and surrounding country) during the month of February, 1902.*

Diseases of—		Rachitis.....	1
Digestive system .....	22	Asthenia, senil.....	3
Respiratory system.....	6	Wounds.....	2
Circulatory system .....	10	Metritis.....	1
Nervous system.....	13	Puerperal fever.....	2
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....	9		
Malaria .....	8	Total.....	89
Tuberculosis.....	12		
Number of deaths reported during February, 1902 (a).....			89
Number of deaths reported during February, 1901 (a).....			145
Number of births reported during February, 1902 (a).....			176
Number of births reported during February, 1901 (a) .....			113

a These figures are for the city proper, the plays, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

*Summary of transactions of service during the month of February, 1902.*

Total number of vessels inspected during February, 1902.....	18
Total number of vessels inspected during February, 1901.....	17
Total number of bills of health issued during February, 1902.....	35
Total number of bills of health issued during February, 1901.....	24
Number of passengers inspected during February, 1902 (incoming).....	126
Number of passengers inspected during February, 1902 (in transit).....	450
Number of crew inspected during February, 1902 .....	674
Number of vessels in quarantine during February, 1902 .....	4
Number of immigrants inspected during February, 1902.....	22
Rejections.....	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during February, 1902.....	119
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during February, 1902.....	47
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during February, 1902 ..	3

*Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the week ended March 1, 1902.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 3, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended March 1, 1902. February 24, German steamship *Allemannia*, from Hamburg, Havre, and St. Thomas, with 4 immigrants. February 26, American steamship *Caracas*, from Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, and La Guayra, with 11 immigrants. February 27, Spanish steamship *Ciudad de Cadiz*, from Genoa, Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, and La Palma, with 8 immigrants. February 28, Provisional flag steamship, *Maria Herrera*, from Cuban and Dominican ports, with 5 immigrants. Total, 28.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*  
*Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Inspection of immigrants at San Juan and subports for the week ended March 1, 1902.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 3, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended March 1, 1902, at subports of Porto Rico.